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**ANCHORAGE RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY AND SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT
FOR ILLEGAL REENTRY AND FRAUDULENT USE OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on December 13, 2007, Mario Sanchez Reyes, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, pleaded guilty to, and was sentenced to 37 days in prison and remanded to the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for deportation, for one count of reentry of a removed alien and one count of using a social security number assigned to another person.

Reyes, age 36, pleaded guilty to the two counts and was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess.

In connection with the guilty plea, Special Assistant United States Attorney John Reardon advised the court that Reyes had previously been deported from the United States and had not received permission to reenter the country. Reyes was found to be in Alaska when he was arrested by the Anchorage Police Department on a separate matter. A fingerprint analysis alerted APD who in turn notified Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. In addition to being in the country illegally, Reyes was using someone else's social security account number in order to work in Anchorage.

Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Reyes.

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